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In Re Application of:

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Serial No.: 09/551,977

Filing Date: April 14, 2000

Title: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR  
GENERATING AN IMMUNE RESPONSE  
UTILIZING ALPHAVIRUS-BASED VECTOR  
SYSTEMS

Examiner: B. Li

Group Art Unit: 1648

Confirmation No.: 2230

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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL**

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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed September 25, 2003. Because this response is submitted within two months of the date of mailing (*i.e.*, by November 25, 2003), **expedited procedure after final** is requested. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

A **Listing of the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.

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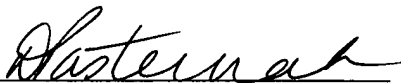
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-1648.

Respectfully submitted,

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